

*Amendments to the Specification*

Please amend the paragraph on page 1, lines 17-28 as follows:

This application is also related to following applications:

1. Patent Application serial No. 60/137,472 ~~09/232,397~~, entitled "A NETWORK ADDRESSING SCHEME FOR REDUCING PROTOCOL OVERHEAD IN AN OPTICAL NETWORK", filed June 4, 1999 and having S. N. Ali and S. E. Plote as inventors.
2. Patent Application serial No. 09/232,395, entitled "A CONFIGURABLE NETWORK ROUTER," filed 1/15/99 and having H. M. Zadikian, A. N. Saleh, J. C. Adler, Z. Baghdasarian, and V. Parsi as inventors.

Above mentioned applications are assigned to Cisco Technology, Inc., the assignee of the present invention, and are hereby incorporated by reference, in their ~~[[its]]~~ entirety and for all purposes.